

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 7 and 10 through 14 as indicated below; please add new claims 23 - 26.

Original Claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 15-22 are withdrawn without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:
 - collect input of a set of shipping policy rules from an administrator of an enterprise; and
 - apply the set of shipping policy rules to each shipping request by each of a plurality of users within the enterprise.
2. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:
 - collect input from an administrator of an enterprise comprising an identification of at least one site within the enterprise; and
 - collect input from the administrator comprising a set of shipping policy rules for each of said sites.
3. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:
 - collect from an administrator of an enterprise an identification of a plurality of sites within the enterprise, an identification of at least one group within each site, and an identification of at least one user within each group; and

collect input from the administrator comprising a set of shipping policy rules for each of said groups and for each of said sites.

4. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

collect from an administrator of an enterprise an identification of at least one sub-administrator user within the enterprise; and

collect input from the administrator comprising a set of shipping policy privileges for each such sub-administrator.

5. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

restrict shipping options available to each user within an enterprise according to input from an administrator of the enterprise of shipping policy rules.

6. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

display graphic user interface shipping selection options to a particular user within an enterprise according to shipping policy restrictions input by an administrator of the enterprise.

7. (Currently Amended) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

in response to a request by a first user within an enterprise to ship a parcel, generate a printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label, in response to a request by a particular user within an enterprise to wherein the first user is designated in a memory accessible by the computer system as restricted from finalizing shipping labels, and wherein the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label contains partial shipment information; and

delegate finalizing a shipping label for shipping the parcel, to a another second user within the enterprise, wherein the second user is designated in the

memory accessible by the computer system as authorized to finalize shipping labels.

8. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

calculate, for each carrier authorized by an administrator of an enterprise for use by a particular user within the enterprise, shipping rates in response to a rating request by the particular user for shipping a particular package.

9. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

generate in response to a rating request by a particular user within an enterprise for shipping a particular package a comparison display of shipping rates for each of a plurality of services offered by each carrier authorized by an administrator of the enterprise for use by the particular user.

10. (Currently Amended) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

according to a first set of instructions input by an administrator of an enterprise, designate in a memory accessible by the computer system, a first shipping privilege setting identifying a first particular user within [an]the enterprise as restricted from printing shipping labels but authorized to submit pre-processing shipping requests; and

according to a second set of instructions input by the administrator, designate in the memory, a second shipping privilege setting identifying a second user within the enterprise as authorized to print shipping labels according to instructions input by an administrator of the enterprise.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 10, said computer system further programmed to:

recognize as a pre-processing shipping request to generate a printable

bar-coded pre-processing traveler label containing partial shipment information, a request input by the first user to ship a particular package ~~input by the particular user~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 10, said computer system further programmed to:

generate an internal system tracking number in response to a shipping request by the first particular user; and

save said internal system tracking number corresponding to the shipping request in the memory database.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 10, said computer system further programmed to:

generate a printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label containing partial shipment information in response to a shipping request by the first particular user.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 12, said computer system further programmed to:

generate a printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label in response to a shipping request by the first particular user, wherein the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label bar-coding comprises a bar-coded expression of the internal system tracking number and wherein the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label comprises a machine-readable expression of partial shipment information.

15. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

generate in response to a link creation request by a particular user within an enterprise a hypertext link comprising a linkable address on a server computer, said address on said server computer comprising an entry point to a

set of programming instructions for rating shipment of a package characterized by a set of parameters according to a set of shipping policy rules identified by an administrator of the enterprise and according to input by the particular user.

16. (Withdrawn) The computer system of Claim 15, said computer system further programmed to:

save in response to a save link request by the particular user an entry in a saved packages list, said entry comprising an expression of said hypertext link.

17. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

calculate, for each carrier authorized by an administrator of an enterprise for use by a particular user within the enterprise, enterprise shipping rates and custom customer shipping rates in response to a rating request by the particular user for shipping a particular package.

18. (Withdrawn) A method of structuring data relationships for an online, Internet-based, -based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said method comprising:

enabling at least one user in an enterprise as an administrator for the enterprise with authority to set shipping parameter specifications for the enterprise.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 18, said method further comprising:

collecting from the administrator input identifying a plurality of sites within the enterprise;

establishing a relationship between each site identification and the enterprise; and

storing each of said site identifications and each corresponding relationship to the enterprise in a database.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 19, said method further comprising:
collecting from the administrator input identifying shipping policy rules for each of said sites; and
storing the shipping policy rules for each site in the database.
21. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 18, said method further comprising:
collecting from the administrator input identifying a plurality of sites within the enterprise wherein each site is characterized by a relationship to the enterprise;
collecting from the administrator an identification of at least one group within each site wherein each group is characterized by a relationship to a particular site;
collecting from the administrator an identification of at least one user within each group wherein each user is characterized by a relationship to a particular group; and
storing each of said site identifications, each of said group identifications, and each of said user identifications in a database.
22. (Withdrawn) An online, Internet-based, multi-carrier, multi-parcel shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:
calculate, for each carrier authorized by an administrator of an enterprise for use by a particular user within the enterprise, enterprise shipping rates or custom customer shipping rates in response to a rating request by the particular user for shipping a particular package according to shipping policy rules established by the administrator.
23. (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 7, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:
(1) generate for the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label a machine-readable code;

(2) save in a memory accessible by the computer system, an association between the machine-readable code and the request by the first user to ship the parcel; and

(3) print a traveler label, wherein said traveler label comprises an expression of the machine-readable code.

24. (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 23, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

recognize as a completion request for the completion of the request by the first user to ship the parcel, a scan by the second user of the expression of the machine-readable code from the traveler label.

25. (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 24, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

complete the request by the first user to ship the parcel with information input by the second user.

26. (New) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the printable bar-coded pre-processing traveler label comprises a representation of a machine-readable expression of a system tracking number for tracking the parcel within the enterprise.